



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

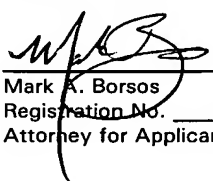
Appln No.: 10/665,829 )  
Filed: September 18, 2003 )  
Applicant(s): Baldwin, et al. )  
Title: Metastable Mineral-Amino Acid )  
Preparations for Food and )  
Beverage Fortification )  
Art Unit: 1761 )  
Examiner: Pratt, Helen F. )  
Attorney Docket: 67502 )  
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Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/reply in the above-identified application.

- ☐ An Appendix including amended drawing figures labeled as "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

**Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended**

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Independent Claims	2	3	** = 0	x \$ 200.00	= \$ 0.00
Total Claims	20	20	* = 0	x \$ 50.00	= \$ 0.00
Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims				\$ 360.00	
** At least 3				Total Additional Fee	\$ 0.00
* At least 20					

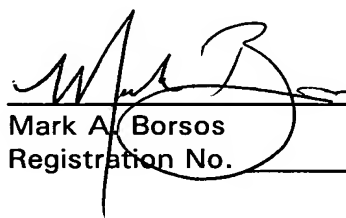
- ☐ Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27), thus reducing the fee by half to: \$ 0.00

Application No. 10/665,829  
Amendment dated July 14, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of April 14, 2006

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

July 14, 2006

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
ATTENTION: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action  
mailed on April 14, 2006 in the above-identified application. Applicants request that  
the arguments set forth below be considered and the claims allowed to pass to  
issue.

**AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS:** Begin on page 2.  
**REMARKS:** Begin on page 5.